REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Date of entry in Register:	02 December 1998
Name of applicant/court:	Comptroller of Customs
Applicant to the Labelling Body:	Not Applicable
Title of Publication:	Taboo Issue 2
Other Known Titles:	Not Stated
Director:	Not Applicable
Producer:	Not Applicable
Publisher:	Trevor Brown
Author:	Not Stated
Format:	Booklet
Country of Origin:	Japan
Language:	English

Components of film originally examined: Not Applicable.

Feature: Running time:

Trailers: Running time:

Total Running time:

Excision/Alteration: Not Applicable.

Reason(s) for Excision:

Not Applicable.

Classification Decision:

Objectionable.

Display Conditions:

Not Applicable.

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Descriptive Note:

Not Applicable.

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Direction to issue a label has been given on: Not Applicable.

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SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:

The booklet entitled *Taboo Issue 2* is classified as:
Objectionable.

Taboo Issue 2 is comprised of items downloaded from the Internet with a focus on faeces and children in a sexual context. Its intent is to sexually arouse the reader. It is mainly made up of text, but has some black and white photographs and five colour plates of stylised paintings. Some of the photographs are of a sexual nature.

The booklet has been given an objectionable classification because it promotes and supports the exploitation of children and young persons for sexual purposes, and promotes and supports the use of urine and excrement in association with degrading and sexual conduct. Children and young people are exploited for sexual purposes by the presentation of images of children and young people posed in a sexual manner, and text including the description of children engaging in sexual conduct with adults or adults stating their sexual preferences for children and young people. Similarly, the publication contains vivid images and descriptions of the use of urine and excrement, often with sexual, degrading and violent overtones. The exploitation of children and young persons and the use of urine and excrement is often juxtaposed in the same text giving the booklet considerable impact. These activities are promoted and supported by the publication because of the detail of the images and explicitness of the language which are intended to both entertain and arouse the reader.

The New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 (NZBR Act) has been considered in determining a classification for *Taboo Issue 2.* Because the booklet promotes and supports the exploitation of children and young persons for sexual purposes, and the use of urine and excrement in association with degrading and sexual conduct, sections 3(2)(a) and (d) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993 (FVPC Act) apply to the publication. In this instance s3(2) of the FVPC Act overrides the rights and freedoms outlined in s14 of the NZBR Act because s3(2) is a deeming provision that cannot be given a meaning that is consistent with s14 of the NZBR Act.

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